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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a computer user and supporter of Microsoft, I have followed the antitrust case and the negotiation and settlement process. I would like to see the current settlement agreement remain, because I believe it creates the most optimal compromise for all parties involved.

Microsoft is sharing its software and its know-how with the computer industry. And it has agreed to the creation of a committee that will oversee the company's compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement and resolve disputes as they arise. I see this as an equitable solution to this complex issue. Moreover, I believe that both Microsoft and the government have important work to tend to, and this case should be put behind all of us.

Microsoft is an important contributor to the technological and economic success of America. The company has taken great steps to improve its performance in the market, and I believe that it can now devote more of its resources to technological innovation and improvement. The current arrangement is in the best interest of the industry and the American public and should remain in its current form. Thank you.

Sincerely,

